

Fig. 1. Reversed-phase HPLC fractionation of total CNS myelin prot in.

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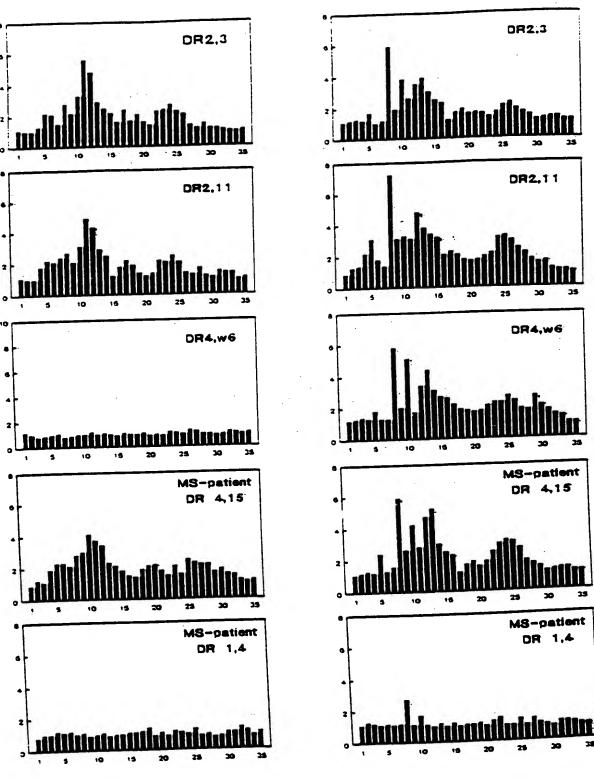


Fig. 2. Proliferative responses of human T cells to fractionated CNS myelin proteins, after a 2-wk priming with total myelin protein. The left series of panels illustrate responses to myelin proteins from control human brain; the right series to proteins from MS-affected brain. Alpha B crystallin is contained in fraction 8 of the HPLC fraction series.

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Fig. 3. Amino acid sequence of human alpha B crystallin

1 MDIAIHHPWIRRPFPFHSP20

21-SRLFDQFFGEHLLESDLFPT40

41 STSLSPFYLRPPSFLRAPSW 60

10 61 FDTGLSEMRLEKDRFSVNLN80

81 VKHFSPEELKVKVLGDVIEV100

101 HGKHEERQDEHGFISREFHR 120

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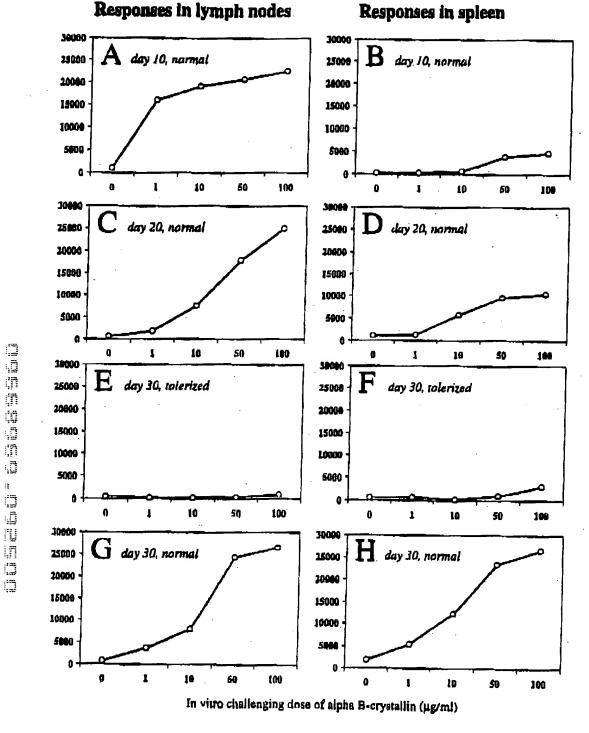


Fig. 4. Oral administration of alpha B-crystallin on days 20-24 following immunization strongly reduces an ongoing T-cell response to the antigen (responses are given in terms of incorporation of [3H]-thymidine, expressed as counts per minuse)